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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the species of Embodiment A, shown in Figures 1 and 2, and Embodiment I, shown in Figure 5, for prosecution in the subject application. At least claims 1-3, 10, 12-21 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that currently claim 1 is generic.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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